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OUR TOWN

Although the fires of Christianity were burning in many countries the celebration of Christmas did not begin until the fourth or fifth century after the birth of Jesus. Christmas known as the anniversary of the birth of Christ is observed on the 25th day of December one week before the New Year. In the beginning of the celebration of Christmas in the fourth and fifth centuries A. D. among the Romans certain practices of the Christians were adopted for an older pagan feast in honor of the birth of the son of Sol. Among people of Germanic ancestry, including the English, the celebration of the Christmas season with holly mistletoe wazzail and the Yule log, are relics of an old pagan festival commemorating the shortest day of the year. The custom of making presents at Christmas time is associated in the popular mind with the gifts presented to Christ by the Wise Men of the East; but in reality, at least so far as the English speaking people are concerned, it is derived also from an old heathen usage.

The custom of decorating Christmas trees has been traced from Rome to Germany, from Germany to England and from England to the United States. The prejudice against Christmas observance, as too strongly tinctured with heathen tradition, was so strong in Scotland, until recently, children in Presbyterian families had no Christmas. Even yet it is not a popular holiday in Scotland. In New England at an early day, it was considered inappropriate—irreverent—to celebrate Christ's birthday with feasting, gift giving and jollity.

Saint Nocholas to whom has been given the modern distinction of Santa Claus was a noted Bishop of Myra in Lycia in Asia Minor. His reputed sympathies were certainly broad enough; for he is regarded as the patron of the sea faring, thieves of virgins and of children. He is also regarded as the patron saint of the Greek Church. December 6 is celebrated as the festival of Saint Nicholas. According to tradition Saint Nicholas was a charitable Bishop. Learning that certain poor man needed a dowry in order to marry his three daughters properly he is said to have thrown a bag of coin in through the window on three separate evenings, thus proving a dowry for each child. On being detected he begged the poor man not to reveal the name of the giver. In this way St. Nicholas became the patron of gifts, the St. Nicholas of the Nursery who provides bags of presents for every child on Christmas. Santa Claus is a Dutch corruption of the spelling of St. Nicholas. The British and American idea of "St. Nick" is well expressed in Tom Moore's familiar nursery poem: "T'was the night before Christmas."

THE UNBROKEN SONG

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
And thought how, as the day had gone
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Christmas Day detached from its history and isolated from the celebrations of centuries, cannot keep our hearts and hearths warm, we must rekindle old fires and join hands with the companies of friends who have kept the day and make it merry in the long ago. The echoes of ancient song and laughter give it a rich merriment, a ripe and tender wealth of occasions. The mirth of one Christmas overflows into another until the sense of an unknown joy, sinking and rising year after year like the tide of life in the fields, is borne in upon us.

Hamilton W. Mabie

Miss Elizabeth Adams is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Adams, from her studies at the Teachers College in San Marcos. Miss Louise will arrive from Edinburg on Thursday for a holiday visit to her parents.

CITY POLITICAL POT BOILS ON THE EVE OF PRIMARY CAMPAIGN

Churches Arrange Programs to Observe Birthday of Savior December 25

BABY FOUND AT GAUSE DEC. 16 GETS HOME HERE

INTEREST CENTERS IN RACE FOR MARSHAL

NUMBER OF CANDIDATES RUMORED FOR RACE—ONE CANDIDATE FOR COLLECTOR OUT

Occupation incident to the holidays has not quenched the fires of politics and before the end of the year it is probable that a number of candidates will be in the field.

This interest seems chiefly centered in the race for city marshall the customery contested position for the rail in the stretch for the wire as the city campaign gets under way.

While only three men are actively feeling out for sentiment for the place others are rumored to be getting excited as the starter calls at the post.

Ray Robinson the present city marshall is sure to be a candidate to succeed himself and will likely be the administration entry for the place by reason of his incumbency in asking for a second term.

Other prospective candidates for this office have not been authorized their names to be used in this connection but they are known to be preparing for the race.

Dan Gunn has announced for the office of tax assessor and collector and actively campaigning among friends. After January first he will leave his place with the Dobbins Dry Goods Store and make an active canvas.

Talk of a commission city manager form of government rife during the bond election campaign and after has about subsided, due somewhat it is said to pressure exerted in certain quarters where opposition is known to exist and because of doubts as to the probable effect such a campaign might have in influencing major political considerations. Adherents of the city manager form of government are not content to believe that property owners will finally abandon this plan of government because it not only puts the government on a business basis but brings it abreast of modern times and is the only sure means of obtaining experienced management of municipal affairs.

Rumor has it that a number of the aldermen now holding office will not offer again and in this event candidates are expected to be in the field at an early date. These offices pay nothing but somehow there is never a shortage of those who would seek a place of honor in the council. While no tangible developments have come in other offices to be filled by election it is said that opposition will be seen in the race for city attorney and probably in the office for city secretary.

Observers who should now believe that few changes will be made in the personnel of the government because failure to submit the commission city manager plan as advocated recently which would of necessity restrict the council to a mayor and two commissioners, removes all prospects of any change in the complexion of the government.

Buys Bankrupt Store For Sale In Cameron

Henry F. Lippman of the Army Store has purchased a bankrupt stock from a firm in Taylor and will bring the goods to Cameron for a big sale. This sale will be a marvelous price reduction and the announcement of this sale will be made at once.

The sale will start Saturday and will continue for some days in a great sacrifice of merchandise. The stock consists of gent's furnishings and other goods.

BABE ABANDONED BY MOTHER LAST WEEK AT GAUSE FINDS HOME; IS ADOPTED BY SAM DEERE AND WIFE

Friends in Cameron have received the following announcement:

"Announcing the arrival of George Kemp Blaylock Deere on December 16, 1925, weight 9 pounds. Mr. and Mrs. Deere, adopted."

The month old baby abandoned by its mother when laid on the steps of the John Bowling home in Gause on Wednesday night December 16 has been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Deere of Cameron who have taken the infant into their home to care for it and to love it as their own.

Sheriff L. L. Blaylock when notified of the finding of the infant went to Gause in company with Judge Jeff T. Kemp and brought the baby to Cameron. Before the adoption by Mr. and Mrs. Deere the boy had been given the name of "Leonard Jefferson Milam," but this name has been changed but is named after both the sheriff and the county judge as well as the father of Mrs. Deere.

Numerous requests from over the state by letter and wire came to sheriff Blaylock requesting the child. A large number of families in Cameron are said to have made requests for the baby and it was given to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Deere.

Tender hearts in Cameron went out to the infant as only a baby may draw the hearts of grown ups and it will be interesting for the people to know that Mr. and Mrs. Deere will be mother and father to the boy.

FUNERALS HELD FOR AUTO WRECK VICTIMS

ERNEST MUSE AND HENRY LONG MOURNED BY HOST OF FRIENDS HERE

Funeral services for Ernest Muse who was killed instantly in an auto wreck near Temple when the car driven by Henry Long crashed into a Katy freight train was held Thursday at the home of Mrs. W. C. Ross in Cameron.

Henry Long who received fatal injuries in the wreck died at ten o'clock Friday morning at Temple and the body was brought to Cameron for burial. Funeral services conducted by Rev. J. P. Love of the Episcopal church were held from the residence of Chas. Worcester at 1 p. m. Sunday December 20 with burial at Salem cemetery.

Ernest Marian Muse was born on December 29, 1901 at Brenham Texas in Washington County. He moved to Milam County with his parents when a small child and here grew up to young manhood. He leaves many friends and no enemies for to him was accorded in generous measure of the devotion of all who knew him. His death at the outset of manhood has grieved the hearts of all.

He is survived by his mother Mrs. J. L. Muse, three sisters, Mrs. A .B. Cass, Mrs. Clyde Foster and Ina Muse.

Pallbearers for the funeral were selected from close personal friends and all were dressed in dark blue with appropriate dress accessories.

The funeral of Henry Long directed by Green Brothers was well attended. He was about 30 years of age and leaves to survive him a widow and three small children. In 1925, a short distance fro mthe scene of the wreck last Wednesday night, a brother of Mr. Long was killed.

The funeral of Mr. Long whose death followed his injuries received in the collision of the car he was driving across the Katy track in Temple last week with a freight train in the Temple Sanitarium on Saturday was held at Salem Sunday afternoon. A large crowd was present to show him a last tribute of respect and to follow his remains to the Salem Cemetery where they were interred. Rev. J. P. Love of the Episcopal church read the burial service and spoke words of comfort to the sorrowing young family and friends. Messrs. Janeway, Heath, Smith, Heath, Hickman, and Terry, Cameron friends of the deceased, were his pall bearers. Many floral pieces of bouquets were sent to cover his mound with flowers. His funeral was very largely attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Deer were shopping in Waco Friday.

F. S. LESOVSKY KILLS 2 BIG BUCK DEER

TWO BUCK DEER IN 30 MINUTES RECORD OF CAMERON MAN

Two buck deer within 30 minutes and within 50 yards of each other is the record of Frank S. Lesovsky who has just returned from Three Rivers where in a day away from business cares he went out for a hunt.

The deer were shipped to Cameron. One of them had five points and the other eight points.

The editor of the Herald was among the friends of Mr. Lesovsky to share in the venison and the verdict of all who shared is that no better has ever been served in Cameron.

Monday night Mr. Lesovsky treated the members of the Commercial Club and members of the School Board to a venison stew prepared at the Newport Cafe. This was an enjoyable occasion.

The hunt on which these bucks were killed was about three miles from Three Rivers. The first buck was slain at Sun up on the morning of December 19. Within 50 yards of the spot where the first one was slain the other was killed. Both were dressed and shipped to Cameron. Mr. Lesovsky had the meat prepared in a local market and sent portions of it to 80 of his friends.

J. E. HARWOOD DEAD FROM CAISSON ATTACK

GAUSE CITIZEN BURIED TUESDAY FROM STRANGE AILMENT

J. E. Harwood, suffering from caisson and brought to Cameron for treatment in an unconscious condition, died Monday night and the funeral conducted by Green Bros. was held at Gause Tuesday.

Rev. E. S. Hutcherson of the Baptist church of Cameron conducted the services.

Mr. Harwood is 40 years of age and is survived by his family.

He died as a result of injuries sustained in an attack of Caisson which resulted from change in atmospheric presure while working in the Brazos river bridge. He went into a excavation below the surface where compressed air is used to keep out the water for workmen.

He was well known in the county and his death will be greatly regreted by friends everywhere.

Misses Helen Blaylock and Inez Evans spent Saturday with friends in Rosebud.

CHEAPER PLAN WILL AID DODGE SALES

SAVE AMOUNT EQUAL TO INTEREST SAYS LOCAL BRANCH MANAGER

August Gurecky, local branch manager for the Decker Motor Company has received notice from the factory of Dodge cars that the new plan to sell cars on credit to customers has been perfected and means a saving of an amount equal to the interest charge formerly made.

Mr. Gurecky points out that with this saving in carrying charges and the price reduction coming the Dodge will be the lowest price quality automobile in America.

Mr. Gurecky has received the following letter from F. J. Haynes president:

Our policy having always been that the lowest cost should prevail to the public, the Dodge Brothers Credit Plan, herein described, should, because of its low rate, appeal to all buyers of Dodge Brothers motor cars resiring credit.

The carrying out of this plan has been intrusted to the Commercial Investment Trust Incorporated and its affiliated companies which have ample resources and facilities for giving prompt and efficient service.

This plan makes it absolutely unnecessary for a purchaser of a Dodge Brothers car desiring credit to pay more than the rates quoted.

HUTCHERSON IS CALLED TO ROBSTOWN CHURCH

CAMERON PASTOR CONSIDERING CALL TO CHURCH IN MAGIC VALLEY

E. S. Hutcherson for the past two years pastor of the Cameron Baptist church has been given a unanimous call to become pastor of the Robstown Baptist church.

The call came to the pastor Tuesday and was made by the church there on Sunday. It became known after the call had been received that the pastor had preached to the congregation there after earnest solicitation and after he had been visited here by a representative of the church.

Mr. Hutcherson said Tuesday that he had the call under consideration but has made no decisions in the matter. It is known that the church there has made a strong appeal to the Cameron pastor to get him for the magic valley country and with his appeal has come what is thought to be an equally strong opportunity for service.

The Baptist congregation here would hate to lose the pastor and will be interested in his decision.

TO THE READERS

This issue of the Herald is printed Wednesday in order to give the men who produce it a respite from their labors and to celebrate Christmas. It is the policy of the Herald to give its men every possible consideration at all times and they will be given three days in which to enjoy the holidays. The office will be open Thursday and Saturday but the plant will not be in operation except in case of emergency. The men who have printed the Herald for you for the year 1925 wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bassett Watson, popular student of State University, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Judge and Mrs. John Watson.

CHURCHES TO CELEBRATE WITH XMAS PROGRAMS

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICES ANNOUNCED BY MINISTERS

Thursday night churches in Cameron will celebrate the birthday of Christ with Christmas trees and gift programs.

One of the features of the celebration in the churches will be the midnight Mass at the Catholic church and tree program.

So far no program has been announced for Friday which is Christmas Day.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thursday evening December 24 at 7:00 o'clock under the direction of the Sunday School Superintendent, Judge Graham Gillis, the Sunday School will have a Christmas tree at the church. Santa Claus will be there, and the members of the Epworth League and of the Primary Department will be presented in the program for the occasion.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Under the direction of Miss Vinnie Henderson, Mrs. J. B. White and Mrs. W. B. Skelton a Christmas tree will be at the Baptist church Thursday evening, December 24th, at 7 o'clock for the Cradle Roll, Beginners and Primary Department. Santa Claus will be there and will assist in distributing the gifts.

METHODIST CHURCH

A Christmas tree will be at the Methodist church Thursday evening at 7 o'clock for the Beginners, Primary and Junior departments. The other departments of the Sunday School, with the church are going to send a splendid offering to the Orphan's Home in Waco.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

At midnight on Christmas eve, our Lord's birthday will be celebrated by the service of Holy Communion. With evergreens to remind the worshippers of the everlasting Savior's love and the story of His birth told in scripture and in song, it is hoped that the joy on Christmas will be much enriched for all who come to worship at this time.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

At ten o'clock at the Catholic church on Christmas morning December 25th, Father Apel will hold Mass. The public is invited. Following Mass there will be a Christmas tree and a program for the children, directed by the ladies of the congregation.

Mrs. Guy Newton Wins Adv. Prize

Mrs. Guy T. Newton of Cameron has been awarded one of the prizes in the Dallas News advertisement contest according to announcement of W F A A made Tuesday night from Dallas.

The prizes were offered for the best advertisements sent in and Mrs. Newton is among the 20 to be awarded prizes.

Mrs. Fred Jackson is at home from Brenham for a Christmas visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lawrence. Mr. Jackson will be with the Duke and Ayres Store here for a time.

SOCIETY NEWS

BY MRS. JEFF T. KEMP

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday night a special Christmas service was held at the Cameron Methodist Church. A Christmas Cantata, "The New Born King", under the direction of Mrs. C. S. Peyton with Mrs. J. L. Clinton, as organist delighted the very large audience that assembled filling the auditorium and gallery to overflowing. Many out of town people were present to enjoy the splendid choruses, solos, duets and quartets rendered by choir members. The Presbyterian pastor and congregation were welcomed in the short worship service led by the pastor, Rev. R. S. Marshall which preceded the evening Musical Program:

Prelude—Jubilate Deo ..... Silver
Processional—Holy Night ..... Gruber
Choir
Scripture Reading and Prayer—Rev. R. S. Marshall.
Offertoire—Melody ..... Chas. G. Dawes
CHRISTMAS CANTATA: THE NEW BORN KING ..... Gabriel
The Lord Is Come—Mrs. Hoover, Mr. Freeman, Chior.
Harps of Gold—Women's Voices.
The Shepherds—Choir, Mr. Fisher, Women's Voices.
Eternal King—Mrs. Levy, Mr. Stafford, Choir.
Visions of Glory—Mesdames Peyton and Triggs.
Unto Us A Child Is Born—Choir.
The King Is Born—Mack L. Harvey.
A Christmas Lullaby—Mrs. Hoover, Miss Guffey, Messrs. Fisher, Stafford.
Christmas Bells—Choir.
O Blessed Night—Messrs. Freeman, Fisher, Harvey, Stafford.
The Birthday of A King—Mrs. Triggs.
All Hail—Choir.
God So Loved The World—Miss Guffey, Choir.
Arise, Shine, Thy Light Is Come—Choir.
Benediction—Choir, Rev. R. S Marshall.
Postlude—March of the Wise Men.

Mrs. J. L. Clinton at the organ filled the great auditorium with the jubilant notes of the prelude and as accompaniest was sincere and sympathetic. Her contribution to the program gave delight and pleasure. The work of each soloist and singer deserves special mention and merits glowing words of praise for making effective the great message of the Cantata in song of the good tidings of great joy to all the people. The ensemble rendition reflected the painstaking efforts of the director, Mrs. C. S. Peyton, through the long weeks of faithful practice required to produce the Christmas Cantata which gave such pleasure to the audience of music lovers Sunday evening.

TREBLE CLEF CLUB

Members of the Treble Clef Club accompanied by their director and chaperon, Mrs. R. P. Jeter, accepted an invitation on Saturday afternoon from the Rosebud Junior Orpheus Club and motored to Rosebud to attend a splendid meeting in the home of Florinet Slovak beginning at 3:00 o'clock. An enjoyable program of piano numbers and vocal solos were rendered. A delightful refreshment course of sandwiches, hot tea, cake and divinity was served. This was followed by a gay and gleeful hour and many new friendships were formed by the Cameron Club girls. This hospitality of the Orpheus Club gave a splendid impetus to the good times the Treble Clef hopes to have during the holidays.

SUNSHINE CLUB

The members of the Sunshine club of Milano met with Mrs. Ringgold at the school house last Thursday and the morning was spent in sewing.

We enjoyed a lecture from Mrs. Ringgold on the value of "Thoroughbred Chickens". Most of the girls brought up their required work and are now ready for the next lesson. Some of them are thinking of entering the clothing contest next year.

The next meeting will be the first Thursday in January and we expect to start the new year right.

Mabel Anderson, Reporter.

Riches Garnered From Great Chilean Desert

Chile has many thousands of square miles of land capable of cultivation, yet its most valuable asset is a desert where the rainfall is seldom more than half an inch per annum. It does not grow a single tree, or even a blade of grass, except where patches of imported soil have been laid. This is the nitrate country, which employs 50,000 people directly and indirectly five times as many, and in which something approaching $200,000,000 is invested.

There are over one hundred and seventy separate workings, each of which is the center of a busy population. Yet every ounce of food, every yard of clothing, every cog and shaft of its huge machinery, every pint of water even, has to be brought from a distance. For many miles around the country produces nothing but nitrate of soda.

It is an amazing fact that the most valuable fertilizer of commerce comes from a region where nothing will grow, but it is a case of all fertilizer and no soil and no rain. In earlier days water was so valuable that it was a saying that it was cheaper to drink champagne, but now water is carried by pipes from far-off sources, some of which are 200 miles distant.

Father Picked Moral From Youngster's Joke

A prominent Los Angeles attorney told the following story in a recent address to the graduates of a grammar school. He said that his son, a high-school graduate, came home one day and asked him if he were a good mathematician.

"Yes, my boy, I think I'm pretty good," the father replied.

"Well, then, I have a problem I'd like to have you solve. There were three frogs sitting on a log—a bullfrog, a tree frog and a toad frog. The bullfrog decided to jump off. How many were there left?"

The father smiled. "Why, that's an easy one. Two frogs were left."

"And that's where you are all wrong!" exclaimed the boy, grinning "Three frogs were left, because the bullfrog only decided to jump off. He didn't jump."

Then the lawyer impressed upon his audience that a person who would win success must act promptly on his decisions.

His Own Death Notice

Mike was working diligently in his potato patch when he saw the postman coming up the road, bringing a black-edged envelope.

Mike became uneasy, and showed it.

"Hope it's not bad news," said the postman.

"It is that," said Mike, looking at the address. "It's upset I am entoirely. My brother, Pat's dead. I can tell by his handwriting."—From Everybody's Magazine.

Gave Name to Vogue

The name "silhouette" is derived from Etienne de Silhouette, a French minister of finance, who was famous for his measures of economy in 1759. All business was stripped of unnecessary detail. Paintings were reduced to mere outlines. Whether this was in conformance with the spirit of economy or because it was coincidence that black and white outline portraits became popular at this time, the name "Silhouette" was applied to them and has clung.

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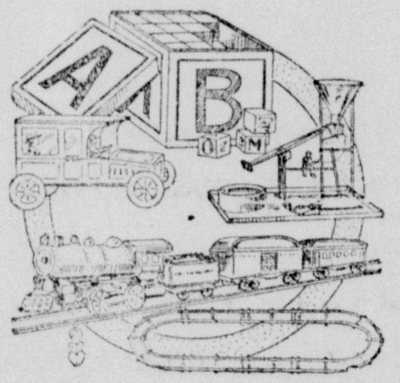

As has been our custom in past years we have on display for this Christmas a large and complete line of Toys and Wheel Goods as well as hundreds of practical gifts for Christmas.

You will find what you want at this big store in Toys and all kinds of Gifts.

Visit this store before you buy because you will see things here that are different from other Toy displays.

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Christmas Greetings

We want our Friends and Customers to know that we appreciate their patronage during the year and at this time we wish to extend our best wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Holidays are times of joy and Happiness and we trust that your portion may be large and the New Year one of Prosperity.

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SOCIETY NEWS

BY MRS. JEFF T. KEMP

PRE-NUPTIAL PARTY

One of the most interesting events of the week which precedes the wedding of Miss Inez Tyson to Mr. B. P. Voss of Dallas was the party given in her honor Monday night in the offices of the Fidelity Abstract Company by Miss Theresa Jensen. The personnel of the guests included the following: Misses Lilian Atkinson, Bessie Dunham, Lena Yoe, Johnnie Mode, Leila Woolley, Ruth McGuire, Lois Burnett, Helen Horstman, Dulce McCall, Jennie Brown, Ena Tyson, Jennie Tyson, Grace Stallworth, Lily Kate Beckerman, Minnie Nell Blaylock, Nannie Maud Ford, Imogene Beach, Mesdames Van Tyson, Randolph Tyson, White Hubert, Guy Newton, Bert Miller, Katherine Robbins, Meta McCown, Earl Westmoreland, Penn Wolf, Sam McDermott, Frank Monroe, G. C. Walters, Robert Brown, Jeff Kemp, Emma Barron, Wallace Guthrie of Rockdale and Harry Jones of Hearne, a bride this week who was formerly, Miss Edna Douthit of Rockdale.

In the receiving line were Miss Theresa Jensen, Miss Inez Tyson, bride-elect, her mother Mrs. Van Tyson and her sister, Miss Ena Tyson.

Misses Jennie Tyson and Ruth McGuire directed guests to the cloak room. Little Imogene Beach passed the favors. Christmas decorations were most tastefully used about the offices. Red roses and blooming poinsettas in vases, baskets and jardinieres were used to emphasize the Christmas theme. Japanese shades and scarlet covers were used over the electroliers. On two large tables in the back office around which a circle of chairs was placed seating the entire company, was arranged a brilliantly lighted and decorated Christmas tree with festoons of tinsel and scarlet gleaming silver ornaments and red Christmas bells and gay gifts were hung. On these two tables representing a large portion of the earth's surface covered with a mantle of cotton snow dusted with opalescent snow dust. The winter scene depicted a bride and groom coming out of a lighted church ready to enter a waiting automobile which would carry them over an ice glistened road to where they would embark on a waiting ship on the sea of matrimony for the part of happiness from which the path led over snow covered mountains and vales to a farm house of latest design from whose windows gleamed the light of a welcome home. The delineation was so perfect that it evoked the admiration of all who saw the scene. Assisted by Miss Lily Kate Beckerman, Minnie Nell Blaylock, Lena Yoe and Mrs. Penn Wolf, the hostess served sandwiches, individual brick cakes, olives and hot chocolate topped with whipped cream. Plate favors were tulip and rose whistles with which all guests bade Santa Claus who arrived shortly afterwards a noisy welcome. Miss Annie Stallworth as Santa Claus presented the bride-elect the following letter:

Dear Bride-to-be:
From here to there is an awful ways
Measured by miles and nights and days
Yet Christmas always brings you near
The season's best to you, my dear--
Santa Claus

A red pack was placed at the bride's feet containing gifts from many friends for which she thanked all in characteristic speech and opened up the gifts for admiration.

The bride occupied a specially prepared chair and Miss Theresa Jensen was toastmistress. She read the following lines.

"My friend, Inez, with her bonny smile,
Will be a bride on birthday of the Christmas Child. Preserving the oldest constant to the end, I am requesting a toast to you, From your dearest friend, Miss Jennie Brown. To which Miss Brown responded in the fitting words that follow:

"Is it strange when we think of the bride that we have a ticklin' sensation around the heart that warms us, cheers us, and yes, thrills us, and especially when the bride of the moment happens to be one we are intimately associated with, and the sweetest, dearest and most loyal of friends."

"Some friendships are easily forgotten, they have grown cold or else faded away, but I know yours, Inez, is deep and lasting, the kind we treasure and hold. It is seldom we find true friends, and I am thankful I have known the sweetness of the best gift life can send, the rare but priceless treasure of an understanding friend. So girl's here's to the bride, and Inez, here's to you, may love go with you wherever you go, may you find rich contentment, your joys be boundless, and the best of your dreams come true."

Then Miss Jensen read:

"In looking about for a witch without a broom I have selected a fortune teller to give a toast to the groom, Miss Lilian Atkinson."

Miss Atkinson offered the following:

To our groom with a word thrown in for the bride:
"Here's to a groom named Beelzebub,
Or Bummy or Bunny or Bennie,
Who has entered the prize fight of life,
When he takes himself a wife.
May he always hit straight from the shoulder
As our fair bride grows bolder and bolder
In side swipe and upper cut older
Stay in there kid we're with you.
He'll need raw beefsteak and onions,
To massage and take care of his bunions,
When Tillie and Toiler gets going,
With a grouch that is inwardly growing.
If he starts any gum shoeing stuff,
Take him quick and treat him some rough,
Just calling his bluff
Make him hollow enough,
Till she makes him eat out of her hand.
So through a long happy life
Mixed with just enough strife,
May they fight fist to fist together;
And on quitting the ring, may be able to sing,
You're a great old "Maw" and you're some "Paw",
Well old lady, let's call it a draw."

Miss Jensen then read these lines:

"And now last but not least---
A dear little girl who is always on time, Will let us hear about the poor girls left behind, Miss Bessie Dunham.

Miss Dunham gave an eloquent response which follows:

We poor old girls left behind:-

All these pre-nuptial doings seem like a dream to me and I am sure is the cause of one I had the other day, when wearied and worn with earthly care, I fell asleep in my office chair. I dreamed I was suddenly called away on a long journey and traveled for years and years in the strangest conveyance I ever saw, and through the strangest country I ever saw. After so long a time I arrived at the most beautiful place I ever hope to see. There were gates of pearl, streets of gold, and mansions of fleecy white. Throngs of white robed saints with glittering crowns from every place were there, and angles with golden harps paraded around and sweetest music filled the air.

I wandered around for a long time looking for somebody I might know and finally blinked my eyes at a good natured chap who seemed to know everybody and know all about the place. I told him I was a stranger and wanted to find a place to stay.

He said, "Come right along with me grand-mother, I am St. Peter and will take you to your home."

I followed him leisurely, thrilled, with joy, for every inch of space was filled with things of beauty. We passed a beautiful home surrounded by the most beautiful flower garden and I thought "Oh how I wish that was mine" I asked St. Peter who lived there, and he said, "Not a soul, that is the bridal palace. A man came up from earth 50 years ago and built it for Miss Atkinson but he is still waiting for her to make up her mind to say yes."

I then glanced around and saw in the distance a large house surrounded by beautiful flowers, fountains, and everything imaginable that makes a home beautiful, and in the yard were children, old people and young girls and boys and in the midst of these was a kind faced old lady with content written in every feature, I asked St. Peter who is that and he said, "That was Miss Jensen on earth but here she is a mother to all of these people." "She even mothers her husband who adoringly follows at her heels."

I noticed that everywhere we went there were two women who seemed to know everybody else and were so friendly with everybody and always smiling and chatting with everybody. So I asked, "St. Peter who are those ladies," He said, "That is Miss Leila Woolley and Mrs. Robbins, they are Heaven's own politicians and are running for office.'

Walking on St. Peter said, "Do you see that poor old girl going down the street, stopping and chatting with everybody she meets?" "Yes, who is she?" "That is Minnie Nell Blaylock, she was a newspaper reporter on earth, but she has the political bee in her bonnet now and is running for prosecuting attorney.

We passed a place where they were building a new house, and the owner was having a terrible argument with the contractor about the inside arrangement and decoration. I heard him say, "If you don't fix it just according to Hoyle Lena won't have it at all, you have no idea how hard she is to please, (especially in choosing a husband)". I asked St. Peter if that was going to be Lena Yoe's house, and he said. "Oh yes some day."

We then passed through a place that looked like a Japanese Garden or Curio shop. I never saw so many beautiful things in my life, and the most beautiful woman with sparkling brown eyes and a silvery mercelel bob was in charge. She was dressed all in black and looked so sad that I asked St. Peter if she had lost her husband or some loved one and he said, "Oh, no that is Jennie Brown she was so heart broken on earth because her friend Inez got married, that she came up here to forget.'

That reminded me and I exclaimed, "Oh! St. Peter do tell me. Does Inez live here? And he sadly bowed his head and said, "No dear she came up here on her honeymoon in December 1925, but she has long since gone back to earth."

Beginning to feel just a little sad and lonely, I asked St. Peter if Mrs. McCown, Mrs. Westmoreland, Mrs. Barron, Miss Annie, Lois, Dulce, Ruth, Johnnie and the rest of the bunch were there, and he said, "Oh no they passed on and entered the lower gate and are keeping the Home Fires Burning."

I was horrified at the fate of those poor things, and in my own imagination I could hear the most terrible shrieks and yells, but glory me it was only Miss Lilian's sudden appearence on the scene with her usual good morning girls, are you all here? "Get the poker Bessie and stir the fire dear."

I then settled down to my daily routine, and thought as a dream that it certainly was keen. But the reality? Oh yes my toast,

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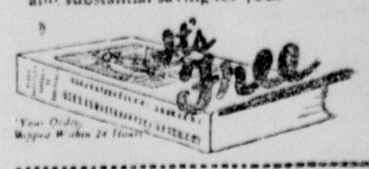

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To each and everyone we extend greetings and wish for you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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BAPTIST TO ARRANGE TREE FOR CHILDREN

THURSDAY NIGHT 7:30 KIDDIES TO SEE SANTA CLAUS

Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock the children in the department of Miss Winnie Henderson at the Baptist Sunday School will see Santa Claus and receive gifts from a Christmas tree to be arranged by the teachers and superintendent.

The church abandoned the idea for a tree for the entire Sunday School and each department is given the privilege of presenting a tree to the children.

So far the department of Miss Henderson is the only department to arrange for a Christmas tree.

A program has been arranged and Santa Claus has agreed to be on hand for the festivities.

Baptist Begin On New Sunday School Plans For The Year

Classes in the Baptist Sunday School have begun to recruit under the new system inaugurated here recently.

Among the classes to prepare for intensive work is the class of Fred H. Cable, teacher of men from the ages of 31 to 49.

Wm. Henderson has the class from 50 up. Before this class was divided it was the largest Bible class in the County and was taught by Mr. Cable who has proved an instructor in the Bible of recognized ability and the course of study concluded of the life of Paul the Apostle has evoked much interest.

Mr. Cable announces that on next Sunday the class will study for that day as a special lesson the scriptures giving account of the birth of Christ.

There are 69 men available for this class in the ages specified found by the religious census taken and it is expected that the class will be one of the largest in the church.

Use Electric Shocks for Regulating Hearts

One of the most remarkable of recent medical inventions is the static wave device.

Its purpose is to regulate the beating of the heart, should it be too fast or too slow. The patient sits in an insulated chair connected with a machine which passes an electric current through the body.

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This wonderful machine was exhibited at a recent medical exhibition in London. The force of the current is such that a person putting his hand within six inches of the chair receives a powerful shock.

Had Origin in Quoits

The game of horseshoes is based on quoits, which is a pastime resembling the ancient discus-throwing of Greece. Few traces of a game resembling quoits can be found on the continent of Europe and its origin may be sought for on the borderlands of Scotland and England. There are references to it in the midlands, dating from the beginning of the Fifteenth century. Ascham, in his "Toxophilus" (1545), refers to the game as being chiefly by the working classes, who often used horseshoes for want of quoits, a custom still prevailing in country districts.

Designed for Convenience

The position of the hands of a clock is one which has been selected for the reason that it furnishes the greatest facility to meet the requirement for painting the longer name above the hands and the shorter word below. The minute hand has been varied in position from 17 to 25 minutes after 8. Sometimes the longer name requires to be written in a semi-circle above the hands. There have been stories connected with the death of Lincoln, that the position of the hands is commemorative of the hour of the death but this is not true.

Influenza Ancient Enemy

Influenza has been known almost as long as man has been known. The word itself is derived from the ancient astrologers, who believed it to be caused by the "influence" of the stars. The disease has been unmistakably traced back to 1580. It was then prevalent in eastern Germany and was known, curiously enough, as sleeping sickness. It appeared again in the Eighteenth century, when epidemics of it were frequent and prolonged in most European countries. Among the famous people of long ago who suffered from it were Sir Isaac Newton Goethe and Schiller. The great philosopher, Kant, was attacked by it and he believed it was caused by noxious insects brought to western Europe as a result of trade with Russia.

Relic of Feudal Days

The old Norman tower of Holy Trinity church, at Richmond, in Yorkshire, England, dates back to the Eleventh century. It is one of the few, if not the only church where the old custom of ringing the curfew still survives. The tower contains two bells. For centuries the larger bell has been rung every day at six o'clock in the morning and again at curfew hour—eight o'clock in the evening. The smaller bell is rung at eleven o'clock on Shrove Tuesday morning "to bid the housewives tend the fires and cook the pancakes well." Another quaint survival at this church is the practice of ringing the "gathering bell" on the occasion of a funeral to give the mourners an hour's notice to prepare. Unless speedy restoration work is undertaken this ancient tower is said to be doomed.—Family Herald.

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All of the oaks may be grouped as either white or black. To the former group belong the white oak proper and the bur oak, swamp white oak, chestnut oak, overcup oak, the post oak, and live oak, which may be recognized by the rounded lobes of their leaves, with the exception of the post oak and live oak, which have no lobes; and by their light gray or light buffish-brown bark, which breaks off into loose, flaky scales. The bur oak is distinguished from its close kinsmen by its corklike branches. The trees of this group mature their acorns in a single year, and for this reason acorns of old and new crops are never found on the same tree.

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ALL CONFERENCE FOOTBALL ELEVENS SELECTED

Now that the Big Four Classic is over, the coaches of the different teams are selecting their All-Conference Elevens. Such stars as "Boots" Smith, Roy Jeter, Roberts, Manning, Cone, Alexander, Horstman, "Puny" Rogers and Slocomb are placed on the different selections. Below are listed the different selections made by their coaches officials and other men interested.

This is the selection of L. Van Perkins, Principle of Yoe High and Athletic coach:

Left End—Tebow Cone.
Left Tackle—Porter Morgan.
Left Guard—Sam Hazelwood.
Center—Paul Watson.
Right Guard—Kenneth Rogers.
Right Tackle—Albert Horstman.
Right End—Don Slocomb.
Quarter—Alvin Roberts.
Left Half—Roy Jeter.
Right Half—"Boots" Smith.
Full—Edward Manning.
I would have Tebow Cone call signals from Left End.

Fred Childress made a selection as Captain of the Yoemen football squad.
Center—H. B. Alexander.
Guard—Kenneth Rogers.
Guard—Frank Tolbert.
Tackle—Roy Jeter.
Tackle—McDonald.
End—Reed Rogers.
End—Don Slocomb.
Half—Smith.
Half—Roberts.
Full—Horstman.
Quarter—Tebow Cone.

The coach of the fighting Fish made this selection:
Center—Alexander.
L. Guard—Hazelwood.
R. Guard—Puny Rogers.
R. Tackle—Horstman.
L. Tackle—Morgan.
R. End—Slocomb.
L. End—Schaeg.
Quarter—Cone.
R. Half—Roberts.
L. Half—Jeter.
Full—Smith.

H. D. Keeling also made a selection:
Ends—Shipp and P. Graves.
Tackles—Hazelwood and Fuchs.
Guards—Rogers and Tolbert.
Center—H. B. Alexander.
Halfbacks—Smith and Slocomb.
Full—Albert Horstman.
Quarter—Tebow Cone.

Alvin Mondrik has made this selection and he says that it's "the one".
Full—Manning.
Halves—Roberts and Jeter.
Quarter—Cone.
Center—Alexander.
Halves—Smith and Manning.
Full—Horstman.
Quarter—Cone.

John Jeter made this selection:
Ends—Tibbs and Rogers.
Tackles—Hughes and Jeter.
Guards—Tolbert and Rogers.
Center—Alexander.
Quarter—Tebow Cone.
Halves—Manning and Smith.
Full—Horstman.

Hubert Ard, Coach of the famous Juniors, chose these men:
Ends—Shipp and Cone.
Tackles—Hughes and O. Newton.
Guards—Rogers and Fuchs.
Center—Alexander.
Quarter—Roberts.
Halves—Jeter and Smith.
Full—Horstman.

Elton Ledbetter, Sports writer for the Hi-Life has made the following selection:
Ends—Shipp and Slocomb.
Tackles—Morgan and Hughes.
Guards—Rogers and Tolbert.
Center—H. B. Alexander.
Quarter—Cone.
Halves—Smith and Jeter.
Full—Horstman.

Gilbert Tindalls selection was the same as W. S. Sterling's.

E. J. Bradley of Calvert was a visitor to Cameron Saturday. Mr. Bradley was formerly a resident of Cameron and he has many friends here.

MRS. M. A. SHORT

Mrs. M. A. Short of Nolanville was buried in Salem Cemetery on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. The funeral party came by auto from Nolanville. Mrs. Mary Ann Short was a widow. Her maiden name was Mary Ann Jackson, a daughter of Mr. Peter Jackson, a pioneer of Milam County a sister of the late Henry Jackson of Cameron and Mrs. J. A. Huffman of Elm Ridge. Mrs. Short was laid to rest at Salem near where she was born in 1850. A faithful negro woman attendant, who was born a slave in the Jackson family lived with Mrs. Short all her life was present at the funeral. This aged negro will now be cared for by a niece of Mrs. Short for the rest of her life. Rev. R. S. Marshall, pastor of the Cameron Methodist church conducted the funeral service. Mrs. Short had been a life long Methodist and had held many positions of honor and trust in her church. She was president of the Woman's Missionary Society and gave fullest allegiance to her duties in all the activities of the Methodist church at Nolanville, where she will be sadly missed. Her pall bearers were her nephews.

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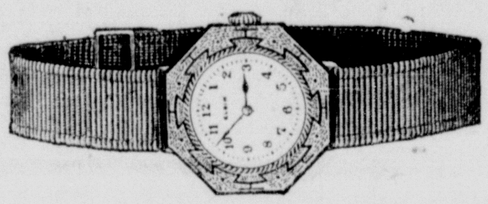

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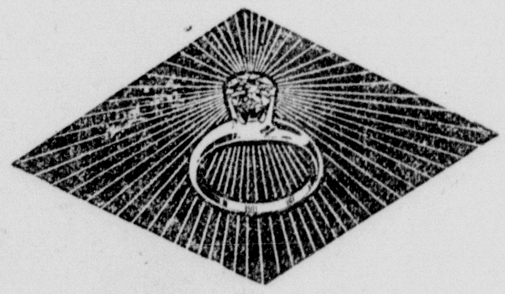

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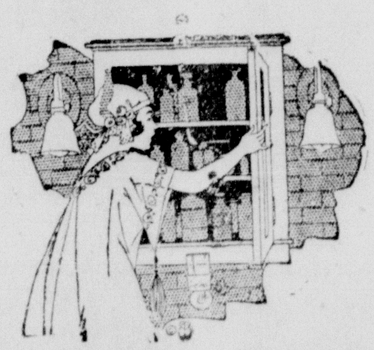

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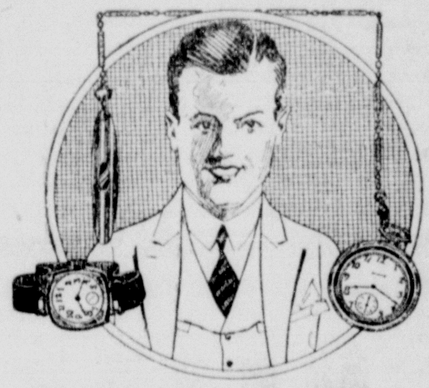

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IMPROVING OF CIVIL SERVICE

It was considered a kind of fad of fussy reformers, years ago, when people began to come out for the merit system in the civil service of the government. Some of the politicians who preferred the spoils system, called the new idea "snivel service reform". But the plan steadily made progress among the people.

They could not see why a man should be appointed a postmaster or a government clerk, merely because he was a Republican or a Democrat. They knew that such considerations had nothing to do with appointing superintendents in factories or bookkeepers in business offices. They felt it must be equally desirable to have politics excluded from services operated by the government.

President Coolidge in his recent message asked that all postmasters, collectors of customs, collectors of internal revenue and prohibition agents, should be put into the classified service. Whatever the politician may think of this idea, the people are likely to approve of it.

The politicians may say that it will be impossible to get the political work of the community done, unless the workers are given some prospect of reward, in the shape of an appointment to some public office. However, the people will be apt to feel that a large part of the political work done with the motive of getting jobs, is not well done, and were better if it were not done at all.

The time will eventually come when politicians will win their battles, not by distributing political rewards, but as the result of efficient records in the public service. When that time comes, the politicians will realize that they must have the most competent people in all the government positions, without regard to what their political opinions are.

DESTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

Legimate criticism of the public officials of a community must always be tolerated and encouraged.

But it takes some discrimination for a citizen to know when he is carrying this privilege of criticism too far. We may well ask ourselves the question, before we offer much caustic comment, how far we are doing our own personal share of community work.

Also it is well to remember, in regard to the public servants of almost any town, that they are making a genuine effort to serve the people in the great majority of cases.

There are some people who are doing next to nothing to advance the interests of their home community, who talk in a very biting and superior way about those who are carrying on the public work of the place. Some of these folks who are so superior in fault finding, will not themselves take the trouble to vote at primaries and elections, and do their part toward choosing the best type of people. Many of them will not attend a public meeting called to promote local interests, or join or work in any community organization.

Yet while some of their neighbors are doing the best they can, often without much public co-operation, to attend to the common tasks that belong to us all, the superior critics content themselves with standing on one side and pointing out the mistakes that are being made.

People who take hold and try to do something for their home towns, are much more helpful, even if they make some mistakes, than those who merely stand to one side and criticize without offering substantial help. Public officials are glad to receive suggestions made for the benefit of the community, but when such suggestions indicate merely a fault finding spirit, they accomplish little.

PROMPT FREIGHT SERVICE

The fact is brought out as a result of the increased promptness in railroad freight service which has been accomplished during the last year or two, the business men in many lines have been able to get along with smaller stocks of goods. It is obvious, that if they can be sure to get shipments delivered from a manufacturer or a jobber within a short time, they do not need to keep much of a stock on hand. It is not necessary to anticipate their wants by so long a time.

If this could be done in all lines of goods, it ought to result in some reduction of the cost of commodities. One of the expenses which we all have to pay, is the cost of holding stocks of goods on hand in retail stores, warehouses, etc. The bigger the stock, the more capital has to be locked up in it. That means that someone has to pay interest on all the capital thus invested, which is a legitimate charge to be added to the price which the consumer pays.

Now if as a result of a policy of stocking up more frequently and in smaller quantities, the dealer can reduce the total amount of money invested in his stock, his costs are not so high.

A slow and dilatory freight service will mean that dealers have to keep large stocks on hand, but if the service is speeded up, they can get along with smaller quantities.

The public and the business community have a direct interest in the promotion of an efficient freight service by railroad, trucks, etc. Whatever moves commodities faster, moves them at less expense, not merely for transportation costs, but something is done to avoid a heavy capital charge. The people of Texas should give their support to the policies that will enable the railroads to move goods with the least possible delay.

CENTERED POPULATION

The progress of a city depends a good deal upon whether the people feel content or the reverse. And one of the principal factors in contentment, is the ability to obtain good and comfortable homes.

If the people are forced to dwell in unsanitary and disorderly and poorly repaired tenements, an undertone of discontent will be manifest in that community. Even a family of ignorant people feel the disorder of their surroundings, and it reacts against their spirit. They are more easily influenced by the ideas of people who seek to stir up industrial and class warfare.

If all the workers could be provided with comfortable homes, much of the radical agitation of which business men complain, would disappear.

DEALING WITH TENANTS

Some landlords remark that it does not pay to fix up the houses that they rent, as the occupants would not keep them orderly if they did. It is remarked that a certain class of tenants will keep their potatoes in the bathtub, etc.

One way to deal with such folks is to charge them a higher rent for a disorderly kept place. Give them a clean place to start with, and then advance the rent on those who keep it in poor condition, and lower it with those who keep it up well.

In that way much could be done to transform unsightly quarters that are a discredit to a city, which lower the value of the real estate in that neighborhood, and which make the occupants discontented with their conditions, and more inclined to take part in movements for industrial trouble.

Bright Wings of Romance

By RALPH D. PAINE

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TIME had been very cruel to Harriet Brent. To some women the years come like an Indian summer.

Harriet Brent lived alone in an old house, which also had come to have an aspect unlovely and forlorn. Foursquare to the road it stood, its fields bounded by stone walls heaped together by the tenacious toil of New England pioneers.

A house that still braved the weather staunchly, it had sheltered many children and known many joys and sorrows. This its broad roof conveyed to the passer-by. For one elderly woman to dwell alone in it was like sitting by the dead ashes of a hearthstone.

Harriet Brent was not unhappy. In her heart, which seemed untenanted by warm emotions, there lived unquenched one divine spark of the true romance. Her faded eyes could soften in wistful reverie.

The Harriet Brent of those many, many years gone by had been a sensitive, slender girl of a certain flower-like, fleeting beauty. Delicate, they had called her. A shy girl, moving in misty day-dreams which she had been reluctant to reveal.

Eighteen she was when the lad had come from a larger town for a brief visit with cousins on a nearby farm. So brief—only a week. He had made love to her, with an ardor boyish and turbulent. Unashamed, she had returned his kisses.

Careless, splendid, debonair, swearing he loved her forever and ever, he had passed on and forgotten her.

Harriet Brent did not forget him. Life is sometimes that way. The spirit of romance had once, only once, brushed her with its bright wings. Time healed the poignant sorrow. It came to be that she was glad to bear the scar. Even in these somber latter years she could sit and thank God that she had known love and kisses and aching rapture.

One day this harsh-featured, unsmiling spinster went out to feed the hens. She had clapped on a battered, haymaker's straw hat. A shawl was thrown over her faded shirt-waist. The old skirt had been chopped off to make it easier to do the chores. The rubber boots were handy because there was mud in the hen yard.

The empty pan in her hand, Harriet Brent stood staring at a very large and glittering automobile which had halted in front of the house. The chauffeur was studying a weather-beaten guide-board on a post. A handsome woman, ruddy, dignified, spoke to the gentleman beside her. He left the car and walked to the gate of Harriet Brent's dooryard. She came clumping from the barn path to meet him.

"Is this the road to Warechester, if you please?"

"Yes, take the first road to the right after you climb the hill beyond the watering-trough."

"Thank you, and may my man have a pail of water to fill his radiator? If you will be good enough to show him where the well is—"

"I'll fetch you a pail," grimly spoke Harriet Brent. She lingered a moment to survey this vigorous, genial stranger with the close-cropped, grizzled moustache, the keen eyes, the air of substantial importance. Time had not been cruel to him. Life had been gracious nor had it obliterated that dominating quality which had made him victorious in boyhood.

Yes, Harriet Brent knew him as soon as they stood face to face, but the expression of her worn features was unchanged. She went into the shed and returned with a pail. The man who had come out of the past seemed in no haste to rejoin his wife in the car nor did he hear her when she called to him. He was gazing at the shabby old house and at the apple orchard beyond. His demeanor was curiously abstracted. His eyes were grave but his smile had a boyish sweetness as he said:

"This fine old place has run down. Too bad. I remember it years ago. A family named Brent lived here then. Do you know what became of them?"

"Dead and gone," replied Harriet. "You can see the stones in the little burying ground at the edge of the orchard.

"Yes, it was a long time ago. There was a daughter, a very lovely girl. I met her one summer, when I was a boy. Married, I suppose, and a grandmother by now?"

"She has gone, too, so I've heard say," steadily answered Harriet in a low voice. Her hand pulled the edges of the shawl together and remained there to rest on her heart. "Yes, the girl you used to know has gone from here."

His wife spoke impatiently. He turned with a start. Presently the car rolled away from the house by the road. He glanced back, more than once. From behind the ancient lilac bush, Harriet Brent watched the car vanish. Then she clasped her hands and murmered in prayer:

"Oh, thank God he didn't know me. But he remembered—and he loved to remember. He was loving the girl that has gone. I didn't expect anything could ever make me so happy."

She went into the house and kindled a blaze in the huge fireplace of the sitting-room. By its glow she sat with folded hands, while the red coals covered the dead ashes. Her face was no longer harsh and unlovely. The bright wings of romance had brushed it.

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Card of Thanks

I am desirous of expressing my gratitude to the party or parties who were so kind and courteous as to leave me one bulb in my "flivver" with which to illuminate my way home Saturday night. After removing such unnecessary equipment as lenses, pump, wrench, pliers and other insignificant articles from the "flivver", they were kind and thoughtful enough to leave one bulb. Not even one of the wheels was missing. If I ever have a mortgage on the "wreck" will seek the aid of the efficient party or parties in lifting same as they seem very capable of devastating a car of all superfluous encumbrances. Please accept my sincere regret that you were obliged, through courtesy, to leave that globe due to my negligence in carrying my flash light with which to drive home. Sorry that you were not rewarded with rear seat sought for at least, it appeared, judging from the tangled mass in car, that you made a most rigid search for some special item. I am not financially able to carry a complete line of tools. Those who borrowed these items please return to Herald office for liberal reward, and accept my apology for any inconvenience with which you were subjected for my carelessness in keeping my tools scattered about in car.

Gratefully yours,
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MRS. ROBERT McLANE

Whereas God in his providence has called from our midst our beloved friend and fellow-member, Mrs. Robert McLane, and whereas we feel keenly that in her going our Auxiliary has lost a faithful and earnest worker, and the community a tender and sympathetic friend.

Therefore be it resolved that we submit to the will of our Creator and extend to the bereaved family our heart-felt sympathy, commending them to God, "who doeth all things well."

Furthermore be it resolved that these resolutions be incorporated in the minutes of the Auxiliary and copies sent to the family and to the Christian Observer.

Ladies Auxiliary of Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. James Watson
Mrs. W. L. Wilson
Mrs. B. P. Atkinson, Com.

SOCIETY NEWS

BY MRS. JEFF T. KEMP

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

Of interest to a large circle of friends is the announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Inez Tyson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Tyson, to Mr. B. P. Voss of Dallas, which was made known at a beautiful party given Saturday evening by Mrs. Bert Miller at her new home in the Green Addition. The Christmas theme was featured in all the home decorations and four game tables were outfitted in covers of green and red with score cards and tallies in keeping with the Christmas theme. Poinsettas were the favored flowers. Places at tables were found by the place cards and at the close of a series of interesting games an art object was awarded for a trophy. The interesting secret was written on cards to each guest "Inez and Voss, December 26, 1925". Mrs. Van Tyson, mother of the bride elect assisted the hostess, to serve most delectable refreshments. The artistic hostess herself made the unique and original cards and favors for the beautiful party.

CAMERON COUNTRY CLUB

Club members are to enjoy a dance Christmas night, music will be furnished by a Five piece local orchestra.

Committee having charge of arrangements promise an enjoyable evening and members and visitors in their homes are urged to be present.

ATTENTION NOBLES

Cameron Shrine Club are planning to have their annual Christmas Dance at the Cameron Country Club on Tuesday night December 29th.

The entertainment committee have secured for the occasion the "Troubadours" an eight piece orchestra of wide reputation.

Members of the Shrine club will have the privilege of inviting two of their friends who are not Shriners and will hand their list immediately to the invitation committee.

All nobles are urged to be present and be sure and wear your Fez.

W. M. U.

The Baptist W. M. U. will hold no meeting this week but will hold a week of prayer the first week in January.

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Love will keep open house from four to nine o'clock on New Year's Day, and cordially invite their friends to call.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

At 11:45 on Christmas eve, the Holy Communion service will be celebrated, commemorating the day of His birth.

Our friends from other churches are cordially invited to worship with us.

Sunday service in the Episcopal church will be at 11 a. m.

Sunday School 9:45. You are cordially invited.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH BUCKHOLTS

On Sunday, December 27 Christmas services in German at 10:30 a. m. and in English at 7 p. m.

Saturday and Sunday Sevhool as usual. Everybody welcome.

W. Flierl, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cobb spent Sunday in Lexington with kinfolks.

Misses Bessie Wiley and Louise Young are Christmas guests in the R. S. Wiley home.

Alton Baggett is at home from the University for a Christmas visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bond arrived Saturday from Lubbock for a Christmas visit to Mr. and Mrs. Bond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ruby and to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Triggs. Many friends rejoice to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Bond to Cameron again after their absence of several months in West Texas.

Emory Gunn is home from his studies at State University.

Miss Thora Mae Fikes has returned for the holidays from San Marcos and is visiting her mother, Mrs. Wilkerson, in Yarrelton this week.

Mrs. M. C. Sapp who has recently undergone an operation for eye trouble is at home from Temple very much improved.

Mr. Van Tyson is at home from a stay near Shreveport Louisiana.

Wanted—Second hand oat sacks. Highest prices paid.
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FOR SALE—A few good milk cows coming fresh in January.
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LOST—On Thorndale road one new army overcoat with pair of gloves also package Camel cigarettes. Finder please return to Charles Walzel at Mondrik's store, Cameron, Texas.

Wanted To Rent—A two team crop on halves; an experienced farmer; good force to work. Can give best of reference. Write me at once.
S. A. Blankenship, Milano, Tex. Rt. 1.

BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

On Sunday December 20, all the services at the Baptist church were unusually good. The Sunday School is beginning to run smothly again after the re-organization carried out on December 13, and, no doubt will soon have four or five hundred in regular attendance. The Christmas offering for the Buckner Orphan's Home went over $140.

The ladies had charge of the 11:00 o'clock service and rendered an instructive as well as inspiring program on Foreign Missions, after which around $200. was donated as a free-will offering to this cause. Christmas songs were sung throughout the program, two of which were by the Misses Eloise Rogers and Inez Evans.

The evening service was one of the most spiritual that it has been our privilege to be in recently. The assistant pastor and his wife sang "The Nail Scarred Hand" after which pastor Hutcherson, led by the spirit of God, discussed the question "What shall I do with Jesus, who is called the Christ?" There were four additions to the church on forth coming letters, and others were halting between two opinions. All who came were glad to be there and to feel the presence of the Lord.

Mrs. R. S. Wiley and Mrs. Eulon Wiley spent the week end in Waco.

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Local and Personal

Miss Helen Flinn is at home from Georgetown for a two weeks stay.

Mrs. A. J. Carothers, who has been in Houston with relatives since last April returned Friday for a Christmas visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Clinton and family.

Miss Mary Virginia Atkinson is at home from Texas University for a Christmas visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Atkinson of Maysfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clement spent Wednesday with Mrs. Pearl Clement and Mrs. Idella Green. They were moving from Dallas to El Paso where Mr. Clement will hold a responsible position with the General Electric Company. They traveled by auto to El Paso and paid several visits to friends and relatives along the way. Cameron friends predict for Mr. Clement great success in his chosen field in his new home in El Paso.

Mrs. Fannie Tuttle has returned from a short visit to her daughter Mrs. E. W. West of Martindale.

Mr. Randolph Tyson has returned from Louisiana where he went to bring home men who have been picking cotton this fall.

Miss Edith Foster, who is teaching at South Elm, spent the week end with friends in Cameron.

Alton Robertson and Leslie Blackstone of Rogers visited friends in Cameron Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hutcherson were Christmas shopping in Waco Thursday.

L. L. Blaylock made a business trip to Austin Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Harlan of Branchville were Cameron visitors Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Cummings of Hearne were in Cameron Sunday night to hear the Christmas Cantata.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Deer have taken the Christmas baby mentioned in the Herald into their home and hearts and will adopt him as their own son. He will be named George Kemp Blaylock Deer. Mrs. Deer named him for her father, George D. Hooker, and for Judge Jeff T. Kemp and for Sheriff Leonard Blaylock who brought the baby from Gause to Cameron last Wednesday. Several applications for the baby were received from people out-side of Milam County.

Mrs. India Stidham will spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Ed Hunter in San Antonio.

Frank Tolbert and Nathan Hines, Yoe High students, will spend Christmas holidays with their parents near Davilla.

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During the year 1925 we have enjoyed the privelege of your friendship and we are grateful for your many considerations in the way of patronage and good will.

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Story of the First Christmas

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustas, that all the world should be taxed.

And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because it was the house and lineage of David.)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

St. Luke II

HAWTHORNE

Hawthorne was a writer
From his very youth;
He wrote of his surroundings,
And nature he made of use.

He wrote four great novels;
Scarlet Letter, was greatest of all;
It was published in the papers
And papers run out by fall.

He wrote about things in America,
Then to Europe he did go;
To write about interesting things
That we people didn't know.

Joe Ezzell
Buckholts High School.

HEAVY GINNING IN ROCKDALE

Rockdale, Texas, Dec. 7.—The Farmers Union Gin made a phenomenal run when it turned out nearly 100 bales in one day. The crew worked far into the night, a large part of the ginnings being "bollies," which are larger in the late pickings. The total ginnings in the two Rockdale plants have now reached nearly 2,000 bales, and it seems probable that the total will run about 3,000 bales, about half as much as last year's receipts.

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1t B. J. Hearne, Ben Arnold.

THE CEMETERY OF SLEEPY-HOLLOW

There are very many interesting things
About Sleepy Hollow to know;
It is an old, old cemetery
Where most of the great writers go.
Many interesting stories
Were taken from this place;
All of them are not true,
But they deserve a place.
Emerson, Hawthorne and others
Went to the cemetery too;
When their great life had ended,
And nothing else they could do.
The reason why that all of these men
Much greater and stronger than we;
Should want to be buried there
Is much of a mystery to me.
For once in my life I would like to go
To the cemetery of Sleepy Hollow;
Then I might understand their reason,
And then I might want to follow.

Joe Ezzell
Buckholts High School.

THANKSGIVING

A ringing of bells on the coast so clear
A clattering of hoofs as if Thanksgiving were near;
A beating of drums as if the close of a year
These are the things that I seem to hear.
When lo! behold! I see such a sight
The pantry in all its glorious light
Shines forth until I see in its surroundings,
The big yellow pumpkin dilt.
At last the harvest is gathered in,
And Thanksgiving Day is here;
We thank the Great Father above,
For the bountiful harvest we share.

Adelia Moseley.
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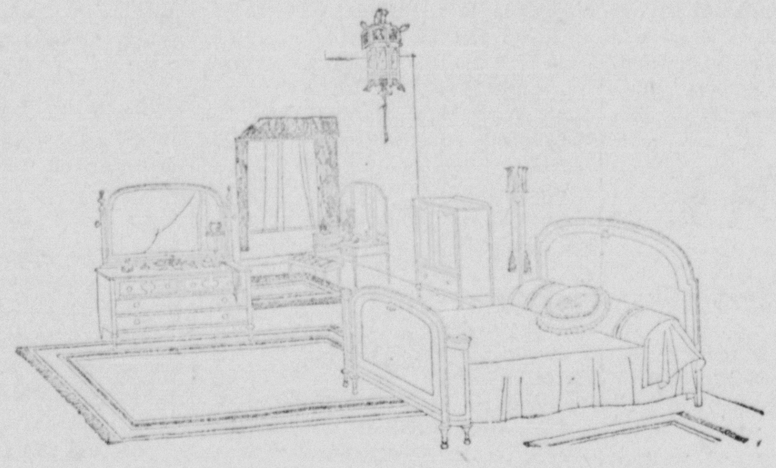

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Heinz Catsup,	40c		
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Heinz Chili Sauce,	35c		
King Komus Syrup, Gal.	85c		
Bre'r Rabbit Syrup, Gal.	85c		
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Karo Syrup, Gal.	65c		
No. 2 Tomatoes, Doz.	$1.25		
Stones Cakes,	25c & 50c		
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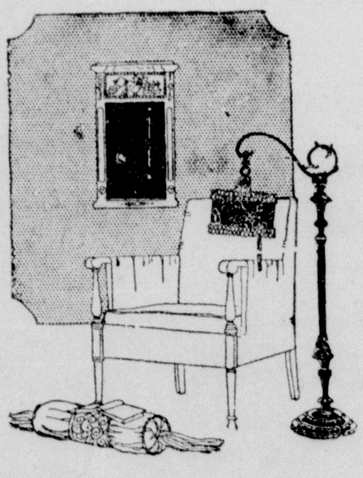

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Our Greeting

Christmas is the season when heart calleth unto heart. "Amidst the general call to happiness, the bustle of the spirits, and stir of the affections, which prevail at this period, what bosom can remain insensible?" said the poet.

It is one day at least when suspicion, hate and gloom find but little space for lodgment in human breasts; when people forget the things that worry and fix their minds upon the many things for which they may be thankful; when the spirit of cheer exists in sufficient bounty to reach us all.

Any happiness, any sense of the thorns of life, may be sunk in contemplation of the joy which the day brings to so large a part of the world; especially to the children of our immediate world; for the day was born with a Child and has remained largely a festival of the young, its sanctified ideals strengthened by childish purity, re-creating faith, hope and charity in their elders.

Then let us make this Christmas purposeful; a season of regenerated feeling, of love, peace and good will. Let us hang the holly and the evergreen; let us promote the surge of joy. In this spirit, we wish you all

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Publishers

WARREN S. STONE OF MICHIGAN GUEST HERE

FORMER ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MICHIGAN HERE FOR VISIT

Warren S. Stone, former assistant attorney general for the state of Michigan, and Mrs. Stone, arrived in Cameron this week for a holiday visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Henderson, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone reside at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, where Mr. Stone is an attorney at law. They have visited here on several occasions during the past three years and have many friends who will be glad in the announcement of their arrival for the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. T. S. Henderson.

From Cameron Mr. and Mrs. Stone will go to California for a winter trip before returning to their home in Mt. Clemens.

Among the cases of interest in which Mr. Stone appeared as counsel in recent years was the famous suit of Henry Ford against the Chicago Tribune for one million dollars. Mr. Stone was employed by the Tribune as a defense attorney.

Speaker Says He Will Not Call The Legislature Now

Austin, Tex., Dec. 21.—Declaring that it would be unwise to complicate litigation brought by the attorney general against certain highway construction companies, Speaker of the House of Representatives Lee Satterwhite said today he would not issue a call for an extra session at this time.

Satterwhite held the way open for future call by saying "the call should not be issued at this time, but should await future development."

He said more than half the members of the house have signified willingness to pay their own expenses if the speaker should make the call.

His statement follows:

SATTERWHITE'S STATEMENT

"A petition signed by more than fifty members has been filed with me as speaker of the house of representatives, requesting that the house be convened in extraordinary session for investigations and impeachment purposes, whereupon I sought the opinion of the attorney general on the law governing this question and was advised that the speaker of the house has such legal power to convene same for the purposes named, but such a session is without authority to appropriate money to defray expenses. And the attorney general further held that the expenses of such a session could not be financed by private or individual sources.

"This made it necessary for each member of the house to pay their own expenses in event of a session thus called, and thereafter more than a majority of elected members of the house signified their willingness to pay their own expenses if the speaker should make the call. But after giving careful consideration to all the legal complications and the fact that the attorney general has not been able to conclude the suits involving the matters to be considered in the event such a session is called, and deeming it unwise to complicate this litigation. "I have reached the conclusion that the call should not be issued at this time, but should await future developments."

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Thursday evening, December 24th, the Christian Sunday School will have a Christmas tree for their entire membership in their newly completed basement. Members of the Sunday School will be presented in a program suitable for the occasion.

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Christmas for Adults

By Mary Graham Bonner

THERE wasn't a single child in the family now and Christmas, they all agreed, was a time for children. At any rate they all said that.

They had scattered as families sometimes do, and those left in the town were two older families. Yes, it was quite true. There wasn't a single child in the family now. They had nieces and nephews, small children they knew and were fond of to whom they would give presents. They would give nice presents, too.

They themselves would be sensible. They would not give presents to each other. They were grown-up. Why should they go in for something that was distinctly a possession of childhood?

They would have Christmas dinner together. That they had finally decided they could not forego. Oh, the other ruling was very sensible, and they all agreed, but—well, it was quite sensible. Children belonged to Christmas, Christmas to children. Let it remain that way.

The family who lived down by the old mill were having the Christmas dinner. The other family were coming to it and were going to bring the mince pies and the plum puddings as their part of the Christmas feast. They wanted to do something about a Christmas dinner—there wasn't any special reason for it but they wanted to do something.

The table was set the night before. There wasn't much to do Christmas

morning. Later they would go to church and join in singing the Christmas hymns. That would be suitable to the day—to the holiday, holy day, joy.

But there was a time in between—a time before when the children had had their presents—while still they were children, before they had grown up or gone away. That time would be curiously, outstandingly empty.

No one talked about it. No one said a word. But none of them could quite bear to think of that Christmas present time when the packages were opened, when there was curious, eager excitement and pleasure, delight in one's own gifts and in the gifts of others.

No one said a word. No one knew what each other was thinking.

But early that morning one of the members of the family down by the mill telephoned the other family and asked them to come down early.

"I just fixed up one or two little things," said the one who had telephoned, a little shyly, and to her own family she said the same.

They came. Every one gathered about the old table that had been brought out every Christmas. It was a shaky old table, but it somehow seemed to be a part of Christmas. And in no time it was covered with gifts. Every one had surreptitiously been fixing up little presents for each other. And the table groaned under its weight of packages tied with gay old ribbons and tissue paper as of yore.

"But we agreed we wouldn't give any Christmas presents to each other this year," they murmured from time to time.

"We said we wouldn't have a Christmas celebration now that we were all grown up."

"Christmas, we said, was entirely a day for children."

Yes, so they had said. But so deeply was the Christmas celebration around the shaky old table, before the big fireplace, rooted in the heart of each that they couldn't, in spite of their resolves, do any differently.

"I think," one of them said when every present had been opened, simple, thoughtful little gifts and surprises, "that Christmas should be for every one. No one is too old to enjoy it."

And how proudly they said to their friends as they met after church:

"You must come in and see our presents. We got lovely things. Just what we wanted!"

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Christmas Wisdom

A foolish man is one who doesn't know what his wife wants, so he goes and gets it—probably a clothes wringer.

A wise man knows his wife needs a pair of arctics, but has wit enough to buy her double-decker jade earrings!—Martha Banning Thomas.

Mistletoe

Mistletoe, when not suspended, is regarded by the superstitious as a harbinger of bad luck.—London Tit-Bits.

BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

On Sunday December 20, all the services at the Baptist church were unusually good. The Sunday School is beginning to run smothly again after the re-organization carried out on December 13, and, no doubt will soon have four or five hundred in regular attendance. The Christmas offering for the Buckner Orphan's Home went over $140.

The ladies had charge of the 11:00 o'clock service and rendered an instructive as well as inspiring program on Foreign Missions, after which around $200. was donated as a free-will offering to this cause. Christmas songs were sung throughout the program, two of which were by the Misses Eloise Rogers and Inez Evans.

The evening service was one of the most spiritual that it has been our privilege to be in recently. The assistant pastor and his wife sang "The Nail Scarred Hand" after which pastor Hutcherson, led by the spirit of God, discussed the question "What shall I do with Jesus, who is called the Christ?" There were four additions to the church on forth coming letters, and others were halting between two opinions. All who came were glad to be there and to feel the presence of the Lord.

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There are many who live far beyond the confines of the old home town that will appreciate the "Home Paper" and if you are thinking of gifts just remember that The Herald will go to that friend or relative 52 times during 1926 and nothing would please them more than to know that the paper is to come to their address for the New Year. The price is negligible, only $1.50 the year, less than 3 cents a week.

52 Times the Year

$1.50 the Year

1925 has been a year fraught with many experiences. It has been the policy of this paper to promote the best interests of Cameron and Milam County. Let us look to the future, forgetting the mistakes we have made and remembering no more the failures of the year. Prosperity is just ahead. Opportunity knocks. Let us have faith in our town and in our county.

Christmas is here. It is the time for happiness and the sincere wish of this newspaper is that happiness in generous portion will be with each and every subscriber and that great company of people who reside in Cameron and Milam County.

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SATTERWHITE POSTPONES LEGISLATIVE SESSION

ATTORNEY GENERAL CANNOT GIVE RULE ON QUETIONS NOW

Austin, Tex., Dec. 20.—If Speaker Lee Satterwhite waits for answers to a number of puzzling legal questions he has submitted to Attorney General Moody, a week may pass before he announces whetcher he will call a special session of the Legislature. Before leaving today for Abiline the attorney general announced several days likely will pass before answers to all the special session questions are ready.

After preparing a statement announcing his decision on the special session, Satterwhite Saturday postponed announcement because he said he had discovered an entirely new legal tangle which he had asked the attorney general to unravel. He said he expected to have the attorney general's opinions Monday.

Satterwhite is so desirous of making his decision one way or another he may issue the call without waiting for Moody's rulings. However, he has admitted that financing the session is a most perplexing problem.

"We'd do lots of things if we had the money," he said.

Finding a legal way to pay fees and expenses of witnesses is the most puzzling problem, he declared he believed most of the members would pay their own expenses out of a sense of patriotic duty.

"However, you can't expect witnesses to be so self-sacrificing," he said.

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson and her husband apparently are not in the least worried by Satterwhite's efforts to find a legal method for a special session.

Close friends of the Fergusons have let it be known that in the opinion of the governor and her husband any chance of Satterwhite calling a special session was blasted by the reception he and other members of a Texas delegation recently received from Texas senators and congressmen at Washington. The delegation representing Texas tax clubs asked repeal of the federal inheritance tax, but was unable to convert a single member of the Texas congressional delegation to its viewpoint.

ALL WORN OUT?

SO WAS MR. PRICE WHO TELLS HIS EXPERIENCE.

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Turning Over a New Leaf

By W. H. Pierce

"NOW listen to me, Hepple," said Happgood Brown, as he got up from his easy chair to wind the clock and put out the cat and lock the back door. "Listen to me. It's two days now till Christmas. Look at that lot of packages over there on the sofy that I've got to play Santy Claus on. Think of the piles and piles of bundles we've sent out already; big bundles and little bundles, to Jim's folks and John's folks, Sairy's folks and Mandy's folks, the preacher, the orphans' home, the old cobbler, the washwoman and the newsboy. It's got so that Christmas is a nightmare.

Accordingly the next morning Hepple and Happy Brown started out on their last shopping tour before Christmas. As they turned the corner of the main street they came upon two children, a boy and a girl, poorly clad, who stood with their noses pressed against the window of a small shop, wherein were displayed a few cheap dolls and toys. They were so engrossed in their inspection of these articles that they did not notice the man and woman who stopped behind them and listened to their childish prattle.

"There's a Noah's ark," said the boy. "The baby could play with that a lot. There's animals inside, and if she'd play with one at a time it would seem like new toys all the time."

"Yes, but there ain't no dolly in there," said the girl. "She wants a dolly. How much money you got, Billy?"

Carefully drawing his hands from his pants pocket, the boy opened his fingers and slowly counted the few pieces of change in his palm. "Thirty-two cents, Sissy. I haven't lost any of it."

"Thirty-two cents! My, that's a lot of money! A lot of money, Billy, and it took a long time to earn it and save it. But—but somehow it isn't going to buy much, is it, Billy?"

"No, but thirty-two cents is better than nothing."

"Well, then, you could get the Noah's ark; that's only twenty-five cents. Then you'd still have money left—how much, Billy?"

"Fifteen and ten, that's twenty-five," carefully separating a dime and three nickels from the rest of the little pile. "See, Sissy, that leaves only seven cents to get something for you."

"For me? Ho! Never mind me. I don't want anything. I can dress the dolly, you know, and play it's mine when the baby's asleep. Maybe we can find something for mother. Oh, Billy, if we could get one of those green wreaths with the red berries—wouldn't it be lovely!"

"Mother needs stockings more than anything else. Besides, the green wreaths cost more than seven cents, apiece, I'm afraid. Come on; let's go in and see what they have got."

"Wait a minute," said Happy Brown, putting his hand on the boy's shoulder. "Where do you children live?"

The boy's hand closed tightly on the few pieces of money.

"Back on the next street, near the elevator. Why, mister? Where are you going?"

"Back on the next street, near the elevator," said Happy, as he took the boy's hand. "I want to see your mother and the baby."

"It ain't much of a place, mister. And mother's washing, I guess. She most always is."

"Never mind that. Come on, Heppie," turning to his wife, who was just behind, with the girl's hand in hers.

Their stay there was not long, but was momentous for Billy's mother and her little brood. Happy Brown had made Billy wildly happy by placing a dollar bill in his hand and another in Sissy's, and telling them to go on with their Christmas shopping. He had left a yellow-backed bill on the table under a plate. As he and Heppie turned the corner he pulled out a notebook and noted down as he muttered to himself: "Coal, blankets, potatoes, canned goods, apples—here, Heppie, take this money and get things for those children. You know what they want. I'm getting a few things the mother needs."

"Yes, but, Happy, I thought you'd sworn off."

"Heppie Brown, this doesn't count. This is an investment."

"An investment?"

"The safest and most satisfactory investment there is, Happy. 'He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord.'"

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LOST—One brown paper suitcase, handle off, containing men, women's and childrens clothing, also sack containing two inner tubes, between Cameron and the Cummings Crossing bridge on Little River, on the Ad Hall or Cummings Crossing Road.
R. L. Batte, Cameron, Tex.

W. T. Hefley of Waco was here for the funeral of his uncle, Mr. J. D. Hefley.

S. E. Brogdon returned Friday night from a week's stay in East Texas.

Miss Sallie Coleman of Baylor University, Waco visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coleman, last week.

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Christmas not complete without a supply of nuts. We have almonds, walnuts, filberts, brazil nuts and pecans.

BUY WHERE YOU KNOW YOU GET THE BEST

GRADY HOUSTON

The Christmas Owl

By Mary Graham Bonner

CHRISTMAS had come to the city. There was no snow on the ground, nor did any icicles hang from the eaves, nor were any ponds covered with ice. But there was Christmas in the city just the same.

The very air was like Christmas. It was cold and clear, crisp and vigorous. Even the scent of Christmas was in the air. Outside the grocery shops were piles of Christmas trees ready to be sold, and there were great bundles of Christmas trimming.

Every shop wore a Christmas look. The windows were decorated with red ribbons, wreaths, toys, calendars, cards, brightly decorated boxes filled with candies, tempting gifts.

People were hurrying, crowding into the stores, jostling each other, but in a good-natured Christmas shopping fashion.

Children were about. The Christmas holidays had commenced.

Ann had finished her Christmas shopping. Yet she could not stay away from the shops.

It would be pleasant, she thought, to walk through them, watching the

Ann Was Walking Through the Aisles, Seeing Everything.

crowds, seeing the novelties that kept coming in for sale, joining the gay hurry of the near-Christmas period.

She walked along quickly. Not because she was in a hurry, but because she could not help hurrying. Christmas hurry was in the air.

It was a splendid experience to have all her Christmas shopping finished early to enjoy the shops in this fashion.

Perhaps, since they were so crowded anyway, she should have stayed at home.

But she did not think that was necessary. She did not take up the time of any of the sales girls, nor did she push her way in to stand by the counters. She simply walked along the streets, going from time to time into the shops, walking through the aisles, seeing everything, and thoroughly enjoying herself.

All those presents that she was sending by post had gone off. All those presents she was going to deliver were wrapped up and written on and all ready for Christmas Eve, when she meant to call on her friends in the city.

They lived, many of them, far apart, but she began her rounds early Christmas Eve, and stayed out until late. Perhaps she hardly saw during the year because the city kept her so busy and kept them so busy, and because Christmases were so great, all had a special Christmas call from her on Christmas Eve.

They expected her on Christmas Eve—some time or other. No one went to bed early. It did not matter how late she called.

The next day would come quickly. No day came more quickly in the year than the day of Christmas came after Christmas Eve.

She would see Billy and she would see Norton on Christmas Day. She wondered what they would give her. Norton always gave her beautiful presents. Of course he had more money than Billy, but his presents always had more reason for being than Billy's.

Not she almost liked Billy's presents best—luscious, perishable kinds of presents were the ones Billy chose.

But Billy's impulsiveness was not of a particular variety. There was great stability about Billy and loyalty and steadfastness, too.

Then, then again, Norton was so debonair, so constant, so brilliant. She admired Norton immensely and thought a great deal of him. She admired Billy, too. Billy was just a dear.

They had both asked her to marry. She had promised she would have her mind quite made up by Christmas. That was why she had asked them both to see her that day—though to-day she never saw people from the outside world on Christmas Day. Usually it was a day exclusively for home folk.

It was strange, she thought, as she walked through the shops, that she should be alone and yet she was not lonesome. She was

She should be home, or off where it was quiet somewhere, deciding.

She had always imagined when she had been young that marrying would be so simple a matter, with scarcely any thought attached to it.

At the age of thirteen she had pictured to herself a wonderful man who combined all attractions, asking her to marry him. And she would murmur a very sweet, a very shy, a very loving "Yes."

And now at the age of nineteen it was quite different. There were Billy and Norton—both of them. Her family liked them both. She liked them both. How strange it was that one could like two men—could not know at once which one of them was the one with whom she wanted to spend the rest of her life.

Yet this was the case. But she had recently made up her mind to make up her mind!

Norton was coming to see her at four. Billy at seven.

And then her thoughts wandered from both of them once more and she was completely fascinated and interested by the shops.

She loved every Christmas touch. She loved every single decoration.

Oh, there was a little table right at the entrance of one of the shops into which she had just come. It was filled with novelties, ornaments, odds and ends of possible gifts.

Something on the table took her eye. It was a little candlestick made of green and made in the shape of an owl.

There was something particularly appealing to her in the expression of the owl. He looked so amused at all this. He almost seemed to be amused that he was here, as a Christmas novelty. He looked as though he would always cheer a person—there was something so droll about his expression as though he wanted to say that he found life, even in his candlestick form, very amusing, very simple, and certainly not worth any worries.

She had no need for the candlestick. She seldom, hardly ever, used a candle. And they had several old candlesticks at home anyway. Still she could not help wanting the owl—wanting it absurdly. She was never like this—wanting useless, pointless ornaments. But she did want this owl. She asked his price. It was not high.

And then, a funny idea came to her. She went to a telephone and called up Norton. "I'm down town shopping," she said. "Yes, you knew the hour was for four tomorrow. I'll be home. And oh, Norton, I just saw the most adorable little candlestick. It's an owl—with such a funny expression. No, it hasn't any real value. Oh no, not an antique. No, no need of it at all. Yes. I'll see you tomorrow."

She called up Billy. The conversation, on her part was much the same. But Billy's had been different. Norton had not been much interested in that absurd owl about which she had spoken. He had not detected the note in her voice of eagerness for the funny little owl, and all the funny little things he stood for. Had he been of value, of actual beauty, Norton would have thought she had wanted it. He did not understand. But Billy's answers were different.

"Why don't you get him? Never mind if he is absurd and if there isn't any value to the thing. You want it, don't you? Get it as a little extra thing from me. Promise me you will?

"The Owl Decided Me," She Told Billy That Evening.

As cheap as that? Good. You're letting me off easily."

She had known that little owl was wise the minute she had seen him. He could solve a problem in so simple a manner.

"I'm going to marry you, Billy," she said that next evening. "The owl decided me."

He laughed at that. He thought she was joking. But he did not laugh at her decision. He took her in his arms and was at a loss for an adequate speech—dear, talkative, noisy Billy could think of nothing to say.

But Ann had been right about the owl. That absurd little candlestick had enabled her to make a swift, sure decision. Billy appreciated the little, inconsequential moods that were of such great consequence. Just once in awhile it would be so wonderful to know that one's husband could be so sympathetically absurd!

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Christmas

Oh, what is a wreath of holly,
Or a spray of mistletoe,
If I have no sweetheart jolly
To kiss when the lights are low?

Oh, some folks may think it shocking,
But Christmas can't Christmas be,
If I hang nobody's stocking
And nobody loves just me.

—L. M. Thornton.

Three Kinds of Christmas

There are three kinds of Christmas, climatically speaking: White green and plain messy.

FORMER TAX COLLECTOR ON VISIT TO CITY

MR. AND MRS. W. A. BOND HERE TO SPEND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Former tax collector Bill Alex Bonds and Mrs. Bonds have arrived in the city from Lubbock to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Their many friends here will be interested in the announcement of their arrival.

Mr. Bonds was for a number of years tax collector of the county and has a wide circle of friends who will be glad to see him. He is now engaged in real estate business in Lubbock a business to which he gave some attention before leaving Cameron.

They will be in Cameron with their friends until after the New Year.

Rockdale Negroes Quarrel Over Building Fire; One May Die

In an early morning family brawl Tuesday, Anderson Sanders, colored, was shot twice with a shotgun in the hands of W. L. Isaacs, colored, at the house of Sander's sister in the north part of town.

The charge from the shotgun entered Sander's right arm and shoulder, and attending physicians stated that the wounds were critical and probably fatal. The entire right arm was shot to pieces between the shoulder and elbow. The wounded man was carried to the Cameron Hospital for treatment, and Isaacs was granted bond, the examining trial being postponed until the result of the wounds is made certain.

Isaacs in a statement to the officers said that the trouble arose over the building of a fire and that Sanders attacked him with a poker, his plea being self defense.—Rockdale Reporter.

Sam C. Cobb Writes Letter To Santa

Cameron, Texas, Dec. 15 1925.

Dear Santa Claus:

"I wish you a very happy Christmas and a very happy New Year. I guess you will be very busy this Christmas as I guess there are lots of boys and girls wishing for you to visit them.

"I hope you might have enough automobiles so that I might have one. I wish you would bring my little brother one too because I always wish for him to have one like mine. Be sure and send all the little boys and girls something for Christmas. Always remember the poor.

"Dear Santa I wish that you would bring me some fireworks, a tractor that will wind up and run itself, a gravel truck, a steam shovel for brother and me. If you haven't all these things be sure and bring the automomiboles and the fireworks.

"Please bring mamma some handkerchiefs and hose and bring papa some socks, handkerchiefs and a tie. Bring Eula and Mary some fruit and something nice as I do not know what they want.

"O yes please bring brother and me a cow boy suit each for we intend to go out on the plains and I am sure we will need some because my dad will have some cows, and I think some sheep and goats. I expect to tend to some of them and turkeys.

"I will close, hoping you a merry Christmas and a happy new year. I am going to try to be a good boy. Remember everybody.

Your little friend,
SAM C. COBB.

J. W. Guffey Is To Retire From Work

J. W. Guffey, road master for the Sap railroad and later with the Southern Pacific has been retired according to announcement in the press Monday. Mr. Guffey will return to his home in Cameron following a long and appreciated service with the road. He has reached the age for retiring and has been complimented by the company for his long service.

He resides in Cameron and his many friends will be pleased to know of his return.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for their many remembrances, their kindness and sympathy during the loss of our beloved son and brother.

Mrs. J. L. Muse and Family.

Miss Nadine Bragg of the Port Arthur school faculty is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bragg. She will return to Port Arthur on Dec. 28.

Negro Killed By Dynamite Blast

The ten year old son of Gus White, colored, was instantly killed and his body badly mangled by an explosion of dynamite at the public gravel pit two miles north of Minerva last Saturday.

The boy is said to have broken into a tool house used by the road hands and in which the dynamite was kept, after having been warned to stay away from the danger. He is said to have taken a dynamite cap and struck it with a hammer, the resulting explosion also causing the explosion of the entire box of dynamite kept in the house. Portions of the boys body were picked up at varying distances.—Rockdale Reporter.

P. Paddick Given Pardon By Governor

P. Paddick former employe of the compress at Cameron who was sentenced to one year in prison for theft of cotton from the compress to which he entered a plea of guilty, has been granted a conditional pardon by Governor Ferguson as one of the Christmas proclamations.

The many friends here of the Paddick family will be interested in this announcement.

POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES ENTITLED TO HOLIDAY

If Postmaster General New has his way about it, Christmas Day this year is going to be the biggest and the best for all the employes of the postal service, and especially for the ever faithful letter carriers.

He has issued orders to postmasters throughout the country that their offices will be closed all day Christmas except for the dispatch of special delivery letters and parcels and special handling of letters and parcels.

In order that the vast army of carriers and clerks may enjoy Christmas Day to the fullest extent with their families and friends, the co-operation of every man, woman and child in the United States will be necessary.

Under the leadership of the postmaster general, a campaign is now under way throughout the country to instill into the minds of everybody the necessity of shopping and mailing early in order that there will be as little congestion at the post offices as possible during Christmas week and in order that both the sender and receiver of gifts and remembrances may reap the happiest that is contemplated by such an exchange of presents.

Once more the Post Office department urges the American public to do its Christmas shopping and mailing early. If the shopping is done now the buyer gets just what he or she wants and if the gift is mailed before December 15 it is sure to reach its destination in plenty of time before Christmas Day.

Miss Mary Walden is at home from T. P. C. at Milford for the Christmas holidays. She will return to Milford before January fourth, when her work begins again.

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To merit your confidence, to impress you with our desire to serve you in a thoroughly acceptable manner, have been our constant aim and desire. And being deeply appreciative of the loyality of our friends and patrons during the days of 1925, we come with this Christmas message. Gripped by the spirit of the season we are prompted, out of the dictates of the feelings that are within us, to send our Christmas message to you. May the joy that comes at this Yuletide be sufficient to last through the days of a New Year which will bring to a full realization the things for which you have striven. Out of the fullness of grateful hearts we add our thanks to the Yuletide message.

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